

Appl. No. 09/929,896
Amdt. Dated July 16, 2003
Reply to Office action of July 2, 2003

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

The first chamber 24 is adjacent to the air inlet 12 and the second chamber 26. The second chamber 26 is also adjacent to the third chamber 28. The third chamber 28 is also adjacent to the fourth chamber 30. The ~~forth~~ fourth chamber is also adjacent to the air outlet 14.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to humidifier efficiency, the design of the humidifier 10 is based on some other considerations. The cover 18 is provided with lateral ribs 48 that provide help to stiffen the surface of the cover 18. This, along with the flat top design of the cover 18, allow a CPAP device to be placed on top of the humidifier to minimize the overall footprint. The ribs 48 have been strategically positioned to help trap airflow and to some degree enhance the eddying effect. Additional ribbing ~~[[50]]~~ (not shown) is provided on the exterior surface of the base 20 to provide additional strength. This ribbing ~~[[50]]~~ is designed to mirror the baffles 22 within the chamber 16 for purely aesthetic reasons.